

Our Lady's Catholic High School Parent Teachers' Association

Minutes of Parent Teachers' Association meeting – Monday 8 September 2014 – 7 pm

Present: Angie Strickland (AS) (Chair), Mike Fitzpatrick (MF) (OLCHS), Alison Wilding (Treasurer) Liz Clayton (200 Club), Marie Crane (Minutes), Jane Parr, Anne-Marie Craven, Tracey O'Malley, Kirstin Lamb, Dawn Smithson, Claire Strickland, Sheena Ball, Fiona Brooks, Maureen Kalane, Ellen Dobson, Emma Mansford, Neil Crook, Jenny Quayle, Ania Boyne, Helen Barritt, Maurice Heneghan, Rachel Allen, Elaine Pomfret, Colette Cafferkey, Jane Barnes, Aline Gunson, Bakhshish Singh

In attendance: Mrs Lin (Head of PE)

1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the academic year and brief introductions were given. Mr Ranson sent his apologies.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Lin, Head of PE, addressed the meeting and asked the PTA to consider subsidising a new set of netball posts at a cost of £229 per pair. In addition, she requested a one-off contribution of £600 to underwrite the current Y10 GCSE Sports group climbing activity. Mrs Lin answered questions and explained that climbing was an excellent feature of the GCSE syllabus and led to good results. After Mrs Lin had gone this expenditure was discussed and the Treasurer reported a balance of £6,800 in the PTA bank account and after deductions for pre-agreed items (a donation to Mr Greenwood's memorial etc) there were sufficient funds available. The balance available includes £1,384 from summer raffle for Mr Greenwood's memorial. (Summer raffle brought in £1684 less prize money of £300 = profit of £1384) £1600 should be set aside for 200 club prize money. That figure is based on last year. Although there was some reservation regarding creating a precedent in subsidising the climbing there was unanimous agreement to fund these activities. <p>Action: MF to speak to Mrs Lin</p>
3	<p>Head Teacher's report (MF):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MF delivered a report on behalf of Mr Ranson. There had been extensive building work over the summer break in areas such as the Year 7 Quad and IT systems had been upgraded. School had welcomed new staff in the Maths, Religious Studies, Science and Geography departments. First group from the teacher training consortium has started. This initiative is led by Mrs Tuson and Mr Gormally in partnership with other local schools. Year 7 welcome mass will take place on 22 September led by Father Simon Hawksworth. GCSE exam results were very good. Around 70% of pupils achieved 5 A*-C (including Maths and English). Results have dropped nationally but an amazing amount of A* and A passes as well as excellent levels of progress. Whilst a few subjects underperformed and this is being looked at. <p>Action: MF to bring analysis of which areas underperformed to a future meeting</p>
4	<p>Chair's review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS explained that PTA roles would be up for election at the AGM in October. She will be stepping down but will continue to play a part in the PTA until the end of the academic year. It is intended to hold another Chocolate Bingo evening after the great success of last

	<p>year's event. Although it will be primarily aimed at Y7 pupils and their families it will be open to all. It was agreed to hold it on Friday 14 November and the PTA will assist with refreshments etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Evening – Thursday 2 October – 10 volunteers offered to help with refreshments and an information stall. Volunteers should arrive by 5.30 pm to help set up. AS unable to attend and sent apologies. Action: AS to email MF to remind him about advising site staff • Year 7 information evening – Thursday 16 October Action: MF to check if PTA required at this event • Race Night – it was planned to hold this event in February • Quiz – it was planned to hold this in April
5	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were various questions regarding detentions, uniform, work experience and music lessons which MF addressed.
6	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 6 October at 7 pm